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For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REMOTELY OPERATING A  
PLURALITY OF INFORMATION DEVICES CONNECTED TO A  
NETWORK PROVIDED WITH PLUG-AND-PLAY FUNCTION

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 21, after line 19, add the following paragraphs:

---The present invention is not limited to the above described embodiments, and various variations and modifications may be possible without departing from the scope of the present invention.

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This application is based on the Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-013706 filed on January 24, 2000, entire content of which is expressly incorporated by reference herein.---

Page 26, delete lines 15-22.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 10, line 13, delete "according to claim 1".

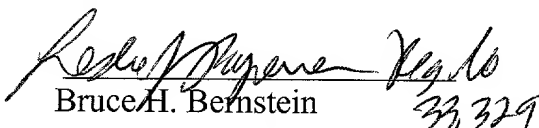
REMARKS

By the above amendment, the specification has been amended to move two paragraphs which were inadvertently placed after the claims into the proper location at the end of the specification. Claim 10 has been amended to delete a second reference to parent independent claim 1.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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